

**VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) network  
and  
CARE (Commonwealth Advocates in Recovery Efforts)**

**Update on Activities and Resources (9/4/15)**

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1. A multi-agency warehouse has been set up to receive, store, sort, and distribute donated supplies coming in from all sectors. Adventist Services has a team on island that is managing the warehouse and tracking donations. Some things to know –
  - a. Individual distribution is NOT being done from this warehouse. Individuals cannot walk up and ask for a case of water. The warehouse provides a space for partner organizations to pick up supplies that will then be distributed into the community.
  - b. Tan Holdings is doing a t-shirt fundraiser to support rebuilding efforts. Construction items such as nails, tools, etc. will be stored in the warehouse in the near future.
  - c. The bulk of the warehouse inventory is bottled water and some canned goods, but they are expecting containers to be arriving in the next few days with other supplies.  
**To find out what supplies are available for distribution call 789-0195 or 483-2809.**
2. NMPASI has linens and blankets available for families in need.  
**Call 235-7273/4.**
3. United 4 Saipan is distributing water, food, hygiene, diapers, mosquito coil, and other supplies until next week. Then they shift to helping families clean up properties and set up basic shelters while they wait for longer-term assistance.  
**Call 484-HELP.**
4. AmeriCorps students are available for volunteer projects. They're an army of about 60, ages 17 and older, eager to work and learn, and with liability insurance. Vicky Nicholas is the AmeriCorps Director with PSS.  
**Call 287-5295 or email Victoria.nicholas@cnmipss.org.**
5. Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation is distributing clothes, shoes, canned goods, and drinking water to families in need. They are located on Middle Road, across from EZ Mart in Gualo Rai and open Mon–Sat, 10am–5pm.  
**Call Rose Smith at 483-0162.**
6. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is having a Business Recovery Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Hibiscus Hall at Fiesta Resort, 10am–3pm. FEMA and SBA representatives will have representatives at the fair to assist.  
**E-mail Jill Arenowski at executive@saipanchamber.com or call 234-7150.**
7. The Division of Youth Services is offering childcare to people who would like to volunteer for the relief effort.  
**Contact Matt Deleon Guerrero at 285-6359.**

8. The Southern Baptist mass feeding in Kagman will continue through next Thursday, Sept. 10, 12pm–3pm.
9. Salvation Army disaster mass feeding operation has ended. They go back to regular operating hours starting next Friday, Sept. 11. The regular schedule for the soup kitchen is Friday and Saturday, 11am– 1:00pm, and Sunday, 1:30pm–2:30pm.
10. The Community Guidance Center will soon be sending outreach volunteers into the community to assess crisis counseling needs.
11. The following organizations are doing school supply drives for Saipan students:
  - d. CORE (distributing directly to the schools, contact Pat Kaipat at 783-2485 or PSS' family care coordinator Ray Muna at [Raymond.muna@cnmipss.org](mailto:Raymond.muna@cnmipss.org) );
  - e. Tinian Women's Association;
  - f. Micronesian Legal Services (contact Jane Mack, 234-7729 – this is primarily for clients, but they do give supplies out to other groups/individuals in need); and
  - g. Southern Baptist/Adventist churches will be distributing supplies to families with kids at the mass feeding operations in Kagman until next Thursday, Sept. 10.
12. American Red Cross' new hours of operation are: Mon–Sat, 8 am–5 pm. People are asked to call 234-3459 to register for services. Appointments are not being made over the phone. Instead a Red Cross representative will call back to set up a time for a house visit. There's still quite a wait.